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SUBJECT: SEAGA ALLEGES PNPYO-CPJ LINKS

1. OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA STATED IN PARLIAMENT ON MARCH 15 THAT A DOCUMENT PURPORTEDLY PREPARED BY THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNPYO) REVEALS IT TO BE "IN THE SAME BED" WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF JAMAICA (CPJ). THE LEADER OF THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) THEN READ AN EXCERPT FROM THE PNPYO DOCUMENT:

"FROM THE REBIRTH OF THIS ORGANIZATION, THE PNP YOUTH ORGANIZATION HAS HAD FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH COMRADES OF THE LEADERSHIP. THERE IS (SIC) STILL SOME "GRAY AREAS" TO BE COVERED. THIS WILL BE DONE AND A REPORT TENDERED TO POLITBURO.

" THE POLITBURO OF THE YO HAS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITBURO OF THE CPJ, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN
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AND THE EDITOR OF THEIR ORGAN 'FIGHTER'.
"THE YO IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE UNITED PEOPLE'S FRONT AGAINST FASCISM WHICH WAS INITIATED BY THE CPJ COM. DENNIS WARREN IS THE YO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WHICH IS THE DIRECTING BODY OF THE FRONT.
"IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WLL THE YO AND THAT

ORGANIZATION (WHICH HAS RECENTLY STARTED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE FRONT) ACCORDED THAT THE BEST WAY FOR THE UPF TO DEVELOP WAS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRETARIAT WITH SET AND DETERMINED TASKS. "GIVEN THE DEPTH AND NATURE OF THE CPJ/WLL CONTRADICTIONS, THE WLL HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT A PROPOSAL THAT THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE HEADS (SIC) THE SECRETARIAT; AND FURTHER, THAT THE YO BE ALLOWED TO NAME ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK FOR THE ORGANIZATION SO AS TO DISENCUMBER THE CHAIRMAN. "PROPOSAL: THAT DELEGATIONS OF THE POLITBURO OF THE YO AND CPJ MEET ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS, WITH DETERMINED DATES AND AGENDA."

2. SEAGA CLOSED BY ASKING IF THE PARENT PNP HOLDS THE SAME VIEWS AS THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION. THE PNP WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY AMBIVALENT. IN ITS REPLY, ON ONE HAND, HOUSING MINISTER TONY SPAULDING BEGGED THE QUESTION WHEN HE REPLIED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE PNPYO, THE CPJ, AND THE WORKERS' LIBERATION LEAGUE (WLL) OF TREVOR MUNROE IS TO FIGHT FASCISM. FINANCE MINISTER ERIC BELL, IN CONTRAST, SAID THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE RULING PARTY WHO IS A COMMUNIST IS "ENTITLED TO BE EXPELLED".

3. COMMENT: THE DOCUMENT FROM WHICH SEAGA SPOKE HAS A CONFIDENTIAL

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VERY CREDIBLE RING. THE STATEMENTS BY THE PNPYO HAVE HAD AN INCREASINGLY RADICAL TONE. THE MOST DRAMATIC -- THE "POSITION PAPER" ADOPTED AT THE PNPYO'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAST SUMMER (SEE 77 KINGSTON 4646) -- CALLED FOR (A) CREATION OF A "SOCIALIST PEOPLES" REPUBLIC, (B) A REDEFINITION OF SOCIALISM BY THE PARENT PNP "ON THE BASIS OF UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED TERMS" (I.E., MARXISM), AND (C) THE NEED TO DESTROY CAPITALISM. THUS, INTERCHANGE BETWEEN THE PNPYO AND THE CPJ ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED IN THE DOCUMENT WOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE.

4. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE JLP ACQUIRED THE PAPER WOULD SEEM RELATIVELY EASY TO RE-CONSTRUCT. THE JLP LEADER SAID THAT IT WAS "RECOVERED FROM A FATAL ACCIDENT". ON FEBRUARY 18, FIVE PNPYO MEMBERS, INCLUDING GENERAL SECRETARY SHELDON MCDONALD AND RUEL COOKE, BORTHER OF LEROY COOKE WHO IS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF DR. D.K. DUNCAN, WERE INVOLVED IN A MOTORING ACCIDENT IN WHICH ONE OF THE PARTY WAS KILLED. THE GROUP WAS ON THE WAY TO A PNPYO CONFERENCE. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN CARRYING A VARIETY OF PARTY DOCUMENTS WITH THEM. IT SEEMS EQUALLY LIKELY THAT THE PAPERS COULD COME INTO

THE HANDS OF PERSONS SYMPATHETIC TO THE JLP AS A
RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT (THE POLICE SEEM A REASONABLE
CANDIDATE).

5. IF WE CAN ACCEPT THAT THE PAPERS FROM WHICH SEAGA
QUOTED ARE CONVINCINGLY AUTHENTIC -- WHICH WE CAN --
AND IF IT SEEMS CREDIBLE THAT THE PAPERS COULD COME INTO
THE POSSESSION OF THE JLP IN THE MANNER INDICATED --
WHICH IT DOES -- THEN THE PNP WOULD SEEM TO HAVE MORE
TO EXPLAIN. IT WOULD ALSO SEEM -- BASED ON THE CIR-
CUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE RECENT SUSPENSION OF PNPYO
CHAIRMAN (SEE KINGSTON 2285 AND 2561) -- THAT THE GAP
BETWEEN THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND ITS PARENT PARTY OUGHT
NOW TO BECOME EVEN WIDER. HOWEVER, INSOFAR AS WE CAN
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DETERMINE, THE PNP EXECUTIVE SHIED AWAY FROM THE
CONFRONTATION WITH THE PNPYO "POLITBURO" WHICH WE WERE
TOLD WOULD OCCUR ON MARCH 13 (SEE KINGSTON 2561). THE
AMBIVALENT RESPONSE IN PARLIAMENT BY SPAULDING AND BELL
SUGGESTS THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME HESITATION TO
MOVE TOO QUICKLY AGAINST THE PNPYO.
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